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Dear Director

This letter is a request for information related to a potential reserach project. I am currently a Visiting Professor at the University of Kentucky, based in the Tobacco and Health Research Institute in Lexington. My research interests are in the effects of drugs on calcium metabolism in nerves and the consequences of this both for drug tolerance and for neurodegeneration. I am currently particularly interested in the possibility that repeated exposure to nicotine (as in cigarette smoking) may cause adaptive changes in calcium handling in nerves that are potentially protective against certain types of neuro-degenerative disease. This might, for example, explain the relatively low incidence of Parkinson's Disease and Alzheimer's Disease in smokers, and would have extremely important therapeutic implications for the use of nicotine in treating the progression of these diseases.

My reason for writing is to ascertain whether the Council for Tobacco Research sponsors research projects of this type and, if so, whether you could send me details of the application process (including appropriate forms). Alternatively, perhaps you could suggest other funding sources that I might approach. I would, in addition, like to know more of the work of your Council and would be grateful for any further information you could send me on this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

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